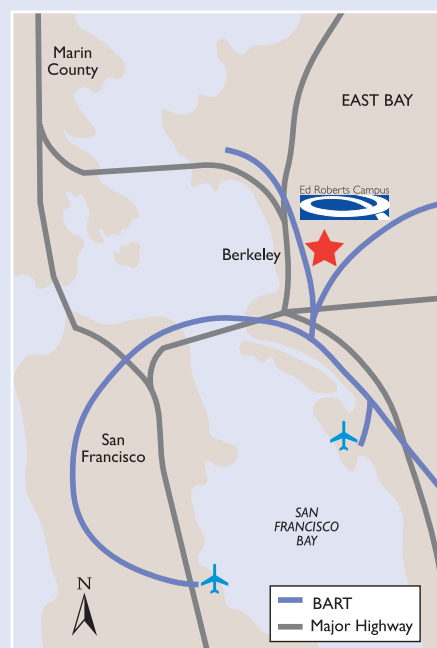


Ed Roberts Campus



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The Partner Agencies

Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program

Redefining disability through sports, fitness and recreation

Center for Accessible Technology

A leader in digital access

Center for Independent Living

The world's first independent living center

Computer Technology Program

A model employment training program

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

A leading disability rights law and policy center

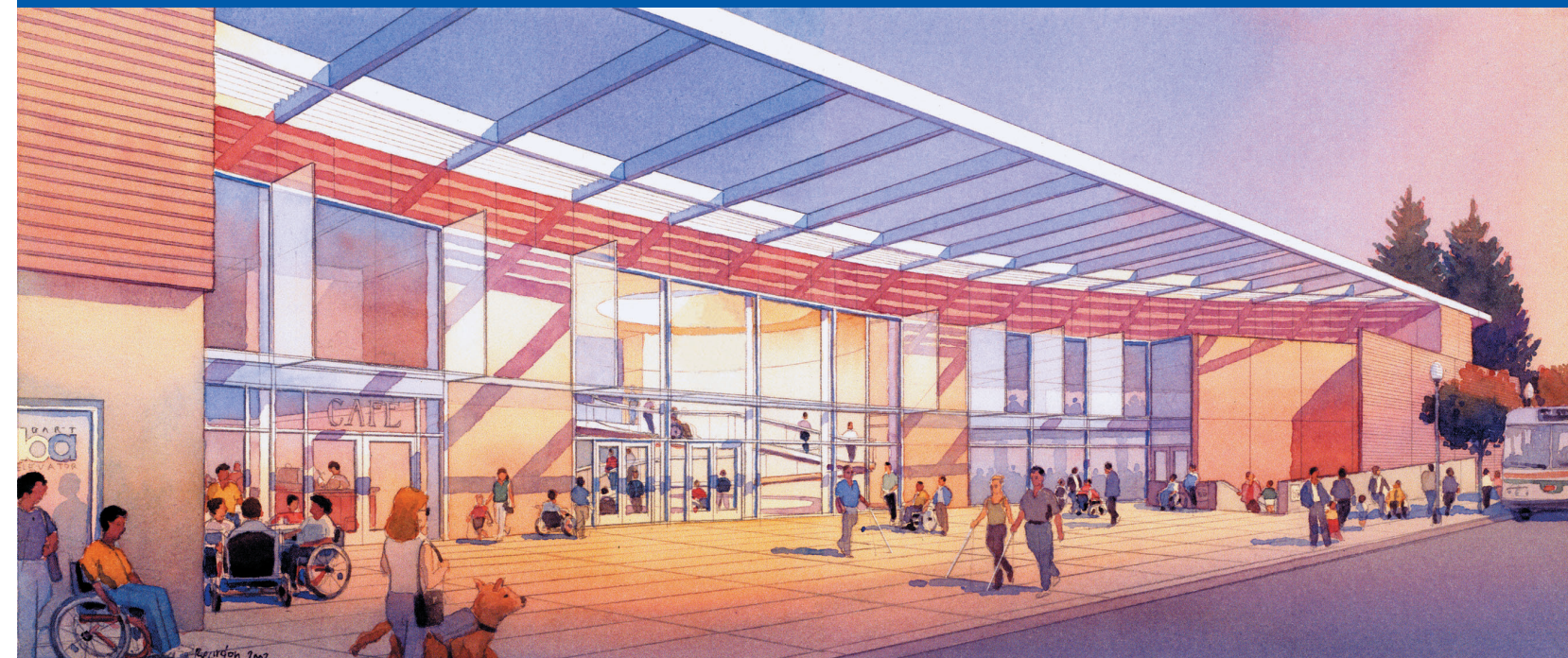
Through the Looking Glass

Pioneering resources for families with disabilities

World Institute on Disability

International research, public policy and training institute

Building Independence From the Ground Up



Ed Roberts Campus



An International Center
for People with Disabilities



It's About Equality

What gets in the way of people with disabilities leading independent and rewarding lives? Barriers of all kinds – barriers to housing, education, healthcare, transportation, information, and employment.

Fifty-four million Americans have a disability – people with disabilities are the single largest minority in our country.

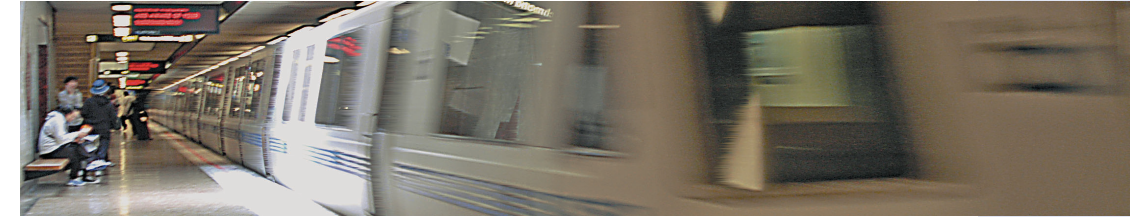
The Ed Roberts Campus mission is to ensure that people with disabilities can live independently and without discrimination. It is the world's first center devoted to advancing the gains made by the disability rights movement over the past several decades.

Located at a fully accessible transit hub, the Ed Roberts Campus will be a one-stop center offering many programs and services for people with disabilities.

With strategic collaboration and innovative programs, the Ed Roberts Campus will be home to leading organizations in the disability rights movement.

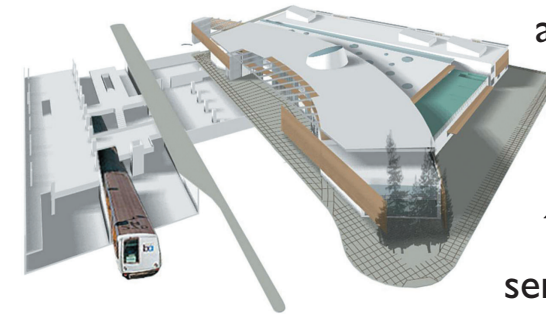


Transit-Oriented Development



Connecting the Ed Roberts Campus to the World

The Ed Roberts Campus is located at Berkeley's Ashby Bay Area Rapid Transit Station. It connects BART riders to the San Francisco and Oakland International Airports



and Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District buses, as well as to taxi and paratransit services. This multimodal

transit orientation provides unprecedented access to organizations, activities, and services, and to knowledge and expertise, for visitors who arrive from across the Bay, across the country, and across the ocean.

Transit users and neighbors find the Campus designed for their comfort and safety, with a public plaza, café, built-in bus shelter with a universally designed transit information system, secure bike lockers, and lighting, landscaping, crosswalks, and signage designed to maximize access and safety for pedestrians, wheelchair users and cyclists.

ERC Is Green, too

The Ed Roberts Campus is green, providing a safe, clean environment:

- Natural ventilation and nontoxic materials foster healthy indoor air quality.
- Abundant, glare-free interior daylight enhances visibility and reduces energy.
- Energy-efficient building systems reduce energy consumption by over 50%.
- Roof-top photovoltaic systems reduce external energy use and lower costs.



Universal Design Welcomes Everyone

What Is Universal Design?

The intent of Universal Design is to simplify life for everyone by making products, communications, and the built environment more usable by as many people as possible at little or no extra cost. Universal Design benefits people of all ages and abilities.

—North Carolina State Center

- A helical ramp winds upward to the second floor, permitting easy access and safe evacuation.
- Accessible elevators, automatic doors, and wide corridors create easy circulation.
- Restrooms accommodate all ability levels and include private rooms for assisted individuals.
- Specially designed signage and way-finding devices guide people who are blind or have low vision.
- Hands-free sensors and timers control lighting, acoustical, and security systems.



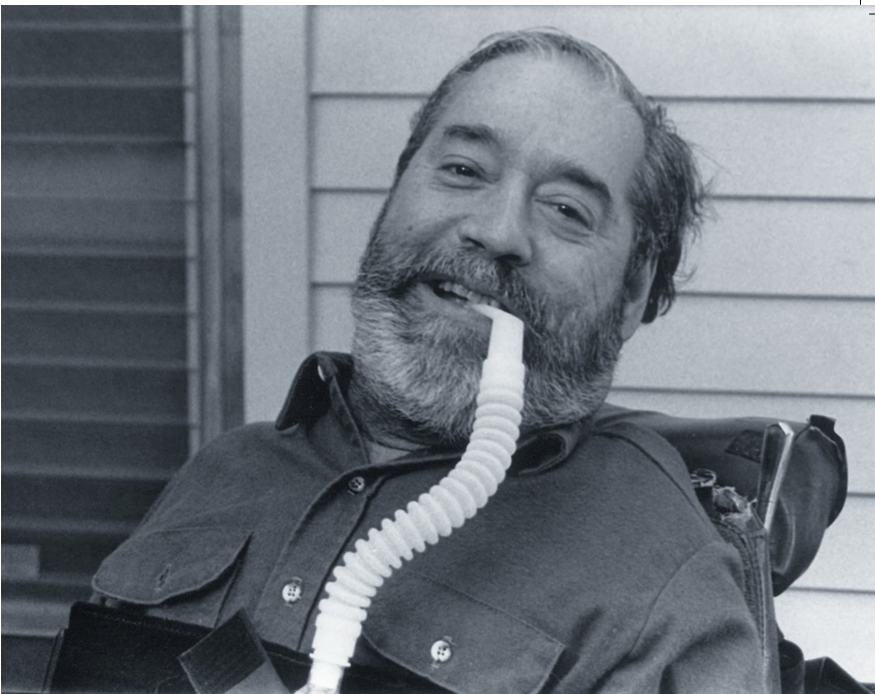
From Berkeley Pioneer to National Leader

The Ed Roberts Campus honors the life and work of Edward V. Roberts (1939-1995), an early leader of the independent living movement. When Ed entered the University of California in 1962, the state's Department of Rehabilitation refused to fund his education, calling him *unemployable*. Thirteen years later, California Governor Jerry Brown appointed Ed Roberts to direct the agency



that had not believed he could work. The Ed Roberts Campus was conceived out of the community's desire to create a lasting internationally recognized home for leaders and organizations in the disability rights and independent living movements.

(Above) Ed Roberts, with former Governor Jerry Brown and former Assemblyman Tom Bates, at the 1979 signing of California Assembly Bill 204, the first legislation that supported independent living centers with state funds.



We are fighting for our rights. And it doesn't matter if you're in Russia or Brazil or the United States. We are fighting for our place in the sun, and in the process we will change ourselves and we will change this world.

—Ed Roberts



The Whole Is Greater than the Sum of Its Parts

Services & Facilities

- Child Development Center
- Fitness Center
- Library with Disability Collection
- Computer, Technology & Usability Center
- Legal Services
- Special Education & Family Services
- Conference and public meeting rooms
- Transportation links to Bay Area and the world

Individual tiles from the Disability Mural, a community artwork to be installed at the Ed Roberts Campus.

The Ed Roberts Campus emphasizes collaboration and community. With so many cutting-edge programs coming together under one roof, the partner agencies join forces to produce cost efficiencies and cross-fertilization of ideas and perspectives.



This state-of-the-art facility is a central hub and physical anchor for the disability rights movement. A

more efficient infrastructure means more funds can directly support the substantive programs of the partner agencies in policy development, research, law, and international advocacy as well as local classes, training programs, and services.



Changing the World through Advocacy & Education

Since the early 1970s, an organized political movement of people with disabilities has succeeded in bringing national attention to society's historic and disgraceful isolation, segregation, and exclusion of people with disabilities from civic and community life.

By challenging outmoded disability policies, the disability movement shifted the focus from pity and discrimination to empowerment of people with disabilities.

This new focus has achieved significant policy advances that support self-determination, community integration, and civil and human rights.

Profound Shift

The disability rights movement has produced a profound change in disability public policy and in U.S. culture. Among the achievements are powerful federal laws that:

- Ban discrimination in most social spheres
- Require that all children with disabilities be educated in integrated school environments that are appropriate to their needs
- Require access to the electoral process
- Encourage programs and support for people with disabilities in the community rather than in institutions



In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the most significant civil rights legislation in the United States since the Civil Rights Act of 1964. (Courtesy of the George Bush Presidential Library)

